GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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Employment to People Trained in Rituals
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that many of the rituals, cultural traditional, festivals, arts and folk arts are dying out and vanishing in the country due to the influence of western culture;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to protect these cultural traditions folk arts, artists/artisans and to promote cultural development programmes;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any study in this regard and if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated and expenditure incurred in this regard during the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether the Government has any proposal to open Regional offices/Cultural Centres for promotion and preservation of various cultural folk arts and tradition in the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to promote, improve and develop the religious rituals prevalent in the country and to provide employment to people who are trained in rituals and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) FOR CULTURE AND TOURISM
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) & (b) No, Madam. To protect and preserve various forms of art and folk art, cultural traditions, artists/artisans and to promote cultural development programmes, the Government of India has set up seven Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) with headquarters at Patiala, Nagpur, Udaipur, Allahabad, Kolkata, Dimapur and Thanjavur. These ZCCs organize various cultural activities and programmes on regular basis and artists/artisans throughout the country are invited to participate in these festivals.

(c) No, Madam.

(d) The Government of India has initiated action for setting up of cultural sub-centres of these ZCCs in their member States as per agreed terms and conditions that include land free of cost and also their matching fund contribution. These cultural centres would be under the administrative control and supervision of the respective ZCCs. At present, no proposal for setting up of Regional Office/Cultural Centre in any member State of ZCC has been finalized.

(e) No, Madam.